#### 10 June 1994

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# JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 MARCH 1994

REFNO: 1284 Name: KUHL	-0-01 (ACCI MANN, CHARLI	IO 6364) ES FREDERICK	Status: Date Sta	(N) DEAD BO	DDY NOT RECOVERED ed: 22 Sep 1968
Nationality Service Grade SSAN Serial No Birth date Home State	AMERICAN AIR FORCE 04 DATA 002218555 7 Feb 1930	Race CAUCA Sex MALE Hair BROWN Eyes BLUE Height 72 in Weight 153 l Religion CA	/1.83 mtrs b / 69.3 kg	Blood Chit Blood type Complexion Weapon Weapon No Duty pos PW Camp	DATE B + FAIR # #
		IDENT LOCATION	(0)		
Site Type: UTM: Lat/Long: Country: Military Red Mission Prov (formed Mission Dist Mission Cate Local Analys	48Q 195 LAC gion: 2 vince: XIA erly): crict: KHA e: 22 egory: 2	NGKHOANG			
=========	=========	=== JTF-FA ACT	IVITY SUMMARY	=======	
Folders Pass Investigation Vessey Case: Case type: Survivabilit	ons: Jun 93 NO CRASH SIT	•		time of the	e crash ========
Cr	cle Type: A ash Type: N all Sign: S Year: 5	one ANDY 03	Engine 1 Se	erial: 1397; Type: R335; erial: 1908; erial: \$	
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#### JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

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INCIDENT	LOCATION (0)
Site Type:  UTM:  Lat/Long: Country: Military Region: Mission Province: Mission District: Mission Date: Mission Category: Local Analysis:  CRASH SIT 48QUH6420 195510N / LAOS XIANGKHOA (formerly): KHAM 22 Sep 19 Remote ar	29 1034208E NG 68
	TF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY ================
Folders Passed: Feb 94, Feb Investigations: Jun 93, Mar Vessey Case: NO Case type: CRASH SITE Survivability: (4) Probably	90 94 in the aircraft at the time of the crash
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Vehicle Type: A1H Crash Type: None Call Sign: SANDY 0 Year: 52	2 Serial: \$
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CASE: 1284

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Nationality AMERICAN Service AIR FORCE Grade 04 SSAN DATA Serial No 00221855 Birth date 7 Feb 1 Home State NEW YORK	Sex MALE Hair BROWN Eyes BLUE Height 72 in / Weight 153 lb Religion CATH	Blood to Complex Weapon / 1.83 mtrs Weapon Duty por Duty por PW Camp	ype B + ion FAIR # No # s PILOT
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	b 94, Feb 90 n 93, Mar 94 SITE Probably in the airc	craft at the time o	of the crash
Vehicle Type Crash Type Call Sign		Serial: Engine Type: 1 Serial: 2 Serial:	R335026WD 190864
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Folders Passed: Feb 94, Feb 90 Investigations: Jun 93, Mar 94 Surveys: May 94 Vessey Case: NO Case type: CRASH SITE Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash
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Vehicle Type: A1H Crash Type: None Call Sign: SANDY 03 Year: 52  Serial: 139739 Engine Type: R335026WD 1 Serial: 190864 2 Serial: \$

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#### === JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

#### 15 September 1993

ON 12 AUGUST 1993, U.S. TEAM MEMBERS INVESTIGATED ONE OF FOUR POSSIBLE LOCATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED RESIDENTS AT BAN SONG AND BAN GNOTLIGANG VILLAGES NEAR GRID COORDINATE UG638932, KHAM DISTRICT, XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE. VILLAGERS HAD KNOWLEDGE OF ONLY ONE CRASH SITE IN THE AREA, WHICH THEY THOUGHT WAS FROM AN AN-24 AIRCRAFT. AN EXAMINATION OF WRECKAGE FROM THE CRASH SITE CONFIRMED IT WAS NOT FROM AN A-1 AIRCRAFT. THE TEAM WAS DENIED ACCESS TO THE POSSIBLE CRASH SITE LOCATION PROVIDED BY THE WINGMAN; HOWEVER, IF A CRASH SITE HAD EXISTED AT THE LOCATION, VILLAGERS SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT. THIS CASE REQUIRES FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT THREE OTHER POSSIBLE CRASH SITE LOCATIONS. (REF

#### CASE: 1284

#### 25 April 1994

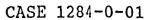
ON 1 APR IE1 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1284 IN KHAM DISTRICT, XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE. 1284 INVOLVED ONE INDIVIDUAL IN THE 22 SEP 1968 CRASH OF AN A-1H AIRCRAFT. RESIDENTS OF BAN THENLO TOLD THE TEAM OF A "T-28" CRASH SITE LOCATED NEAR ROUTE SIX IN THE VICINITY OF THE RECORD COORDINATE INCIDENT LOCATION. ONE VILLAGER REPORTED HAVING SEEN A LARGE SIZE BOOT SOLE AT THE SITE. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE SITE (UH644031), LOCATED ONLY A FEW HUNDRED METERS FROM THE RECORD COORDINATE AND FOUND ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT ITEMS IN THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE. WRECKAGE WAS LOCATED WHICH CONFIRMED THE AIRCRAFT TYPE AS AN A-1. NO BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE WAS FOUND. (REF 6)

#### 21 June 1994

ON 24 AND 29 MAY RE2 CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF THE SITE BELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1284, NEAR BAN THENLOT, KHAM DISTRICT, XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE. THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY ON 24 MAY WAS TO ASCERTAIN THE LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS TO EXCAVATE THE SITE. TEAM MEMBERS RETURNED TO THE SITE ON 29 MAY TO EVALUATE AND REMOVE ORDNANCE. (REF 9)

## === ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

#### 30 March 1993





# JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING BOX 64044 CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-4044

CASE 1284-0-01

#### NARRATIVE

ON 22 SEPTEMBER 1968, MAJOR CHARLES F. KUHLMANN WAS FLYING
AN A-1H ATTACK BOMBER (SERIAL NUMBER 52-139739) IN A FLIGHT OF
TWO AIRCRAFT ON A COMBAT MISSION OVER LAOS. HIS AIRCRAFT
REPORTEDLY CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES UH642029,
APPROXIMATELY 35 KILOMETERS NORTH-NORTHEAST OF BAN BAN, 9
KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF BAN O AND 500 METERS WEST OF ROUTE 61,
XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE. THE OTHER MEMBER OF THE FLIGHT SAW NO
PARACHUTE AND HEARD NO BEEPER SIGNALS. ACCORDING TO DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE OTHER FLIGHT MEMBER IN JUNE 1993, HE ESTIMATED THEIR
AIRCRAFT MAY HAVE CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES
UG638932, APPROXIMATELY 10 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE AFOREMENTIONED
GRID LOCATION.

A U.S. ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM WORKING AT THE CENTRAL ARMED FORCES MUSEUM IN HANOI LOCATED PHOTOGRAPHS OF MAJOR KUHLMANN'S MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD. VIETNAMESE ANNOTATIONS ON THE ENVELOPE WHICH CONTAINED THE PHOTOGRAPHS READ, "BELONGS TO KUHLMANN, CHARLES F., AIR FORCE MAJOR WHO FLEW AN A1H SHOT DOWN BY THE 559'S COMBAT ENGINEERS ON 22-9-1968."

ON 12 AUGUST 1993, A JOINT TEAM VISITED BAN SONG AND BAN GNOTLIANG, KHAM DISTRICT, XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. AT BAN SONG THE TEAM INTERVIEWED MR. PHAI CHIA THO, THE VILLAGE CHIEF, WHO RELATED THAT DUE TO HEAVY FIGHTING THE VILLAGERS FLED THE AREA IN 1969 AND DID NOT RETURN UNTIl 1983.

UPON RETURN, THE VILLAGERS DISCOVERED THE WRECKAGE OF A SMALL AIRCRAFT ON THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE. THE VILLAGERS SHOWED THE TEAM WRECKAGE STILL LEFT IN THE VILLAGE. THE TEAM VISITED THE REPORTED CRASH SITE AREA BUT SAW NO TRACE OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH OR REMAINING WRECKAGE. MR. THO WAS UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER CRASH SITES IN THE AREA.

AT BAN GNOTLIANG (UG632927), THE TEAM INTERVIEWED MR. PHOU VIANG, THE VILLAGE CHIEF, WHO REPORTED THAT HIS VILLAGERS KNEW OF ONLY THE CRASH SITE LOCATED NEAR BAN SONG. HE SAID IF THERE WAS ANOTHER CRASH SITE WITHIN 10 KILOMETERS THE VILLAGERS WOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT. HE SAID THE VILLAGE OF BAN GNOTLIANG WAS ESTABLISHED FIVE YEARS AGO.

THE TEAM REQUESTED TO SEARCH THE AREA VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES UG638932 BUT, THE PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS STATED THE TEAM DID NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO PHYSICALLY SEARCH THE AREA.

# PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: KUHLMANN, CHARLES FREDERICK

RANK: MAJOR, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 FEBRUARY 1930

RACE: CAUCASIAN

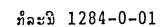
HEIGHT: 1.83 METERS

WEIGHT: 69.3 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: BLUE

PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LAO GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE 18-19 FEB 94 CONSULTATIVE MEETING





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ກິລະນີ 1284-0-01

## ການເລົ່າເລື່ອງ

ເນື່ອຈັນທີ 12 ກັນບາ 1968, ພັນຕີ ຊໍໂຣສ ແອັຟ. ຄູລແນນ (CHARLES F.

KUHLMANN) ເປັນນັກບິນຂອງເຄື່ອງບິນຊະນິດ A-1H ທີ່ບິນໄປນໍາກັນ 2 ລໍາ. ເຄື່ອງບິນ
ຫມາບເລກ 52-139739, ໄດ້ຕົກໃນ ບໍລິເວນພິກັດ UH642029, ປະມານ 35 ກິໂລແມັດ
ໝາງເຫນືອ ຜິດຕາເຈັນອອກສ່ຽງເຫນືອ ຂອງບ້ານເານ (BAN BAN), 9 ກິໂລແມັດ ທິດຕາ
ເຈັນຕົກສ່ຽງເຫນືອ ຂອງບ້ານໂອ (BAN O) ແລະ 500 ແມັດ ຫາງຕາເຈັນຕົກ ຂອງເສັ້ນ
ໝາງ 61, ແຂວງຊຽງຂວາງ (XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE). ສະມາຊິກຂອງເຄື່ອງບິນ
ລຳອື່ນ ທີ່ຢູ່ໃນບໍລິເວນນັ້ນ ບໍ່ເຫັນຈ້ອງ ແລະບໍ່ໄດ້ບິນສ່ຽງສັນບານສຸກເສີນ. ຕາມສົນຫະນາກັບ
ສະມາຊິກຂອງເຄື່ອງບົນລຳອື່ນ ທີ່ໄດ້ໄປນໍາກັນ ໃນເດືອນພຶດສະພາ 1993, ລາວຄາດຫມາບວ່າ
ເຄື່ອງບິນຂອງເຂົາເຈົ້ານັ້ນ ອາດຕົກຢູ່ບໍລິເວນ ພິກັດ UG638932, ປະມານ 10 ກິໂລແມັດ
ຜິດໃຕ້ຂອງສະຖານທີ່ທີ່ກ່າວມານັ້ນ.

ຜົນຄົ້ນຄົ້ວເອກກະສານ ສົງຄາມ ຊອງສະຫະຣັດ ທີ່ເຮັດວຽກຢູ່ ທີ່ພີພິດຫະພັນ ຊອງສູ່ນ ກາງກອງທັບ ທີ່ກຸງ ຫາດໂນ້ບ (HANOI) ໄດ້ຄົ້ນພົບຮູບ ບັດປະຈຳຕົວຫະຫານຊອງ ພັນຕີ ຄູລແມນ. ຫນັງສື ພາສາຫວຽດນາມ ທີ່ຊຽນໄວ້ເຜິງຊອງຫນັງສື ບ່ອນທີ່ເກັບຮູບໄວ້ນັ້ນອ່ານວ່າ, "ເປັນຊອງ ຄູລແມນ, ຊໍໂຣ ແອັຟ., ພັນຕີ ຫະຫານອາກາດ ຜູ້ທີ່ເປັນນັກບິນຊອງເຄື່ອງບິນ ຊະນິດ A-1H ທີ່ຖືກບິງຕົກ ໂດຍກອງທັບ ວິສາວະກອນ 559 (559'S COMBAT ENGINEERS) ເນື່ອ 22-9-1968."

ເນື່ອວັນທີ 12 ກໍລະກິດ 1993, ທີ່ມີຮ່ວມໄດ້ໄປບ້ານລົງ (Ban Song) ແລະບ້ານ ງອກລຽງ (Ban Gnotliang), ເນື່ອງຄຳ (Muang Kham), ແຂວງຊຽງຂວາງ ເພື່ອ ສຳຫລວດກໍລະນີນີ້. ທີ່ມີໄດ້ສຳພາດ ຫ່ານໄພເຊຽໂຫ (Phai Chia Tho) ຢູ່ບ້ານສີງ, ພື້ບ້ານທີ່ເປັນຜູ້ໃຫຼ້ຄວາມວ່າ ເຫນື່ອງຈາກການສູ້ລົບຢ່າງຮ້າຍແຮງໃນບໍລິເວນນັ້ນ ປະຊາຊົນເລີຍ ໄດ້ຫນືຈາກ ໃນປີ 1969 ແລະບໍ່ໄດ້ກັບຄືນຈົນເຖິງ ປີ1983. ຫລັງຈາກກັບມາ, ປະຊາຊົນ ໄດ້ພົບຊາກເຄື່ອງບົນນ້ອຍ ຢູ່ຮີມບ້ານ. ປະຊາຊົນໃຫ້ທີ່ມເບິງຊາກເຄື່ອງບົນທີ່ເຫລືອຢູ່ນັ້ນ. ທີ່ມີໄດ້ໄປເບິ່ງບ່ອນທີ່ເຄື່ອງບົນຕົກ ຕາມທີ່ເຄີບລາຍງານ ແຕ່ວ່າບໍ່ເຫັນຮ່ອງຮ່ອຍຂອງເຄື່ອງບົນ ຕົກຫລືເສດຂອງຊາກເຄື່ອງບົນເລີຍ. ຫ່ານໂຫ ບໍ່ຮູ້ວ່າເຄື່ອງບົນອີນຕົກຢູ່ບໍລິເວນນັ້ນຫລີບໍ່.

ບ້ານງອກລຽງ (UG632927), ທີມໄດ້ສຳພາກຫ່ານ ພູລຽງ, ພີ່ບ້ານ, ທີ່ລາບງານລ່າ ປະຊາຊົນລາລຮູ້ແຕ່ບ່ອນເຄື່ອງບົນຕົກບ່ອນດຽວ ທີ່ໃກ້ບ້ານສົ່ງເທົ່ານັ້ນ. ລາວວ່າຖ້າມີບ່ອນເຄື່ອງ ບົນຕົກພາບໃນ 10 ກິໂລແມັດ ປະຊາຊົນນັ້ນຄວນຮູ້. ລາວວ່າ ບ້ານງອກລຽງນັ້ນໄດ້ຈັດຕັ້ງຂຶ້ນ ທ້າປີຜ່ານນານີ້.

ຫີມໄດ້ຊຶກລດເບິງບໍລິເລນພິກັດ UG638932 ແຕ່ເຈົ້າຫນ້າທີ່ແຂລງກ່າວວ່າທີມນັ້ນ ບໍ່ໄດ້ ຮັບອະນຸບາດທີ່ຈະໄປຊອກຫາໃນບໍລິເລນນັ້ນ.

# ລາບລະອຽດກ່ຽວກັບບຸກຄົນນີດັ່ງຕໍ່ໄປນີ້:

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